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SUMMARY.

The German, under cover of a flag, captured an advanced post east of Meuse. The British replied a raid to the north-east. The British have inflicted many casualties in the battle of Cambrai. They repulsed a raid in the neighbourhood of the Hainaut-Cambrai road, and south-east of Arras. Artillery has been active in the region of Carrière Wood, in the Verdun sector. In Alsace an attempt to rush the French trenches west of Carnoy was repulsed. At Hartmannswörth the enemy, after a very big raid, occupied advanced elements of the French front line. The Germans were completely ejected after a hand-to-hand battle, in which they lost heavily.

M. Reisch, in the Paris "Figaro," estimates that Germany will divide the front from Meuse to the Atlantic into 10 divisions. Austria, he says, may send to the Western front from 10 to 25 divisions. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai.

The destruction of French military and naval establishments in Germany were at the cost of the possibility of peace negotiations. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai.

A serious row has broken out at Krupp's works at Essen. Drunken workers have left the factory. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai.

Drunkards' disorders continue, and Petrograd is in a state of siege. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai.

The Soviet has prohibited open-air meetings and the Christmas tree in Moscow. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai.

Advices received in Copenhagen indicate that the Bolshevik regime is shaking. Several leaders have left Petrograd. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai.

The message states that a new revolution may be expected shortly. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai.

The Assembly is modifying the Ukrainian Cossacks, and the Romanians are joining the Ukrainians. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai.

General Kladov has won a signal victory over the Red Guards at Moscow. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai.

Trotsky, it is declared, intends to proceed with peace negotiations. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai.

It is reported that Petrograd has been captured by the Bolsheviks. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai.

An Italian official message states: We drove back, with severe losses, an attack on the front from Torton to Col di Loro. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai.

A Roman report states that the Italian have recaptured Mount Anzola, which had been taken by the enemy. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai.

A German official message says that Italian attacks at Mount Anzola and the heights westward were unsuccessful. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai.

The House broke into uproar when Signor D'Annunzio declared that Italy was not ready for peace. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai.

The Ministry of Munitions is taking control of the supply of munitions for the war. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai.

The result of the referendum in Australia has been a decisive victory for the "Yes" side. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai.

The "New York Times" attributed the result of the referendum to "socialism, pacifism, and Sinn Féinism." The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai.

The counting in New South Wales on Saturday and yesterday brought the majority for "Yes" in this State to 142,000. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai.

Less than 9000 votes remain to be counted in New South Wales, exclusive of about 100,000 in Sydney. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai.

The latest figures for the Commonwealth are: "Yes," 174,000; "No," 97,400; majority for "Yes," 76,600. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai.

Mr. Holmes said last night that, while the people of Australia could not be dissuaded, he would regret it. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai.

Clearly the nation is drawn back upon voluntarism—and upon Mr. "Buck," he remarked. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai.

Labour celebrated the anti-conscription victory by a demonstration in the Domain yesterday afternoon. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai.

Mr. Ryan says that the defeat of the referendum does not imply any lessening of Australia's loyalty for the Empire. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai.

The Imperial Government has been paid by the Imperial Government of New Zealand for produce purchased to December 15. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai.

Mr. Holmes has been informed that the British Government has approved of an Imperial War Graves Commission. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai.

The commission will be charged with the duty of caring for the graves of officers and men of the Empire who have fallen. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai.

A summary of the casualties of the A.I.F. shows that the total number of men of the A.I.F. is 10,000. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai.

Nineteen hundred are missing, and 1000 are prisoners of war. The wounded number 1000, and the sick 6000. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai.

Mr. Puller has instructed the police to exercise vigilance in the case of persons showing signs of being a spy. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai. The British have been distributed in the battle of Cambrai.

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TO-MORROW FOR FEAST!

Time's the order, and if you are wise you'll eat it up long before you get home. You'll require it to-day. You'll want to make the most of this money when buying groceries this time. You'll

SHOP AT McALLISTER'S

You'll find a full selection of necessities on display just the things you need for the day. You'll find the lowest prices. You'll find goods marked at single price points. You'll find the best quality goods. You'll find the best service. You'll find the best place to buy your groceries.

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Prime Midland Cattle - per lb. 10¢ and 12¢
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Prime Midland Napkins - per lb. 10¢ and 12¢
Prime Midland Tablecloths - per lb. 10¢ and 12¢
Prime Midland Bedspreads - per lb. 10¢ and 12¢
Prime Midland Pillowcases - per lb. 10¢ and 12¢
Prime Midland Blankets - per lb. 10¢ and 12¢
Prime Midland Quilts - per lb. 10¢ and 12¢
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SPORT FOR SPORTS

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T. ADA REEVE AT THE LIVING

The old order of things at Three changed on Saturday last when Miss Reeve and a supporting company appeared in a new two-act musical play with five acts of changes. "Winnie Brooks, Widow," was the title. It gave Miss Reeve an opportunity to set off her own charms, to show her wit or self drift from what may be called musical moods, and show her rare talent in passages for continuous comedy. Miss Reeve was the reason. The play was a historical romance, was almost entirely new, and was a triumph for Miss Reeve herself, the accomplished and popular artist having to force the pace and personally keep at top speed to save the production from sinking at the first change. The brilliant singing of Miss Reeve as the London bard of "Merry Widow" was welcomed as a ray of sunshine when the sun was hidden by a cloud.

closed-to-women courtyard of "Duns-
Priory" and commenced to "work a spe-
cial" which culminated in the fitted young
lady, in a white dress and a white head-
free-and-easy monastic habit in a red-
dressing gown) falling in love with and mar-
rying the girl of an adjoining boarding
house. The latter, however, was not the
source the head of the bachelors' club, was
thly disguised as a non-sectarian mem-
ber.

The performance lacked animation until the
second act opened with a bright evening-
assemblage in a fashionable house at High-
gate. With this drawing-room setting an
English country house was introduced, in
which the "brothers" improved the shir-
hour and the merry widow pressed into
her personal charms and her good sense
to save the day. The play was not
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lives of laughter "Good-bye, Everybody," moment later Miss Reede was enthusiastically recalled to receive a shower of wither and beautiful flowers in all sorts of designs.

The members of the Ada Reed Company appearing in "Winnie Boodle, Widow," are Miss Doris Dwyer, Miss Mary Ann O'Connell, Mrs. De Lara, Miss Lucie Linda, Miss Alice Keith, Mr. Clarence Blakiston, Mr. Charles Barry, Mr. Harry Jacobs, Mr. Chas. J. O'Brien, Mr. Wm. H. Quinn, Mr. Wm. C. Kingston, and Miss Mabel. The pictures with silks and satins, and man and Kennedy, a pair of character costumes, are also in the Christmas play.

"The Merry Widow," by Mr. W. Quinn, played remarkably well on Saturday night, in addition to the evening performances this week there will be a matinee to-day at 1.30, another matinee on Boxing Day.

The Coogee carnival, which has become an annual event among residents of the Eastern Suburbs, was officially opened on Saturday afternoon by the Mayor of Randwick, Sir Norman Macmillan, who was accompanied by the Mayor of Sydney, Sir John Gorton, and the Mayor of the City of Sydney, Sir John Gorton. The Mayor of Randwick, Sir Norman Macmillan, was accompanied by the Mayor of Sydney, Sir John Gorton, and the Mayor of the City of Sydney, Sir John Gorton. The Mayor of Randwick, Sir Norman Macmillan, was accompanied by the Mayor of Sydney, Sir John Gorton, and the Mayor of the City of Sydney, Sir John Gorton. The Mayor of Randwick, Sir Norman Macmillan, was accompanied by the Mayor of Sydney, Sir John Gorton, and the Mayor of the City of Sydney, Sir John Gorton.

Thousands of people thronged the 100-foot-long floats during the afternoon, and the showmen on the Congo reserve reaped a rich harvest. The evening the parade front was brilliantly illuminated, and a grand display of fireworks was given. It was announced that there would be similar spectacles each night during the run-up of the carnival, which will not close till January 5.


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PETROGRAD GERMAN TROOPS

"TO RESTORE ORDER"

RUSSIA'S FLIGHT

LONDON, Dec. 22.

It is unofficially reported from Petrograd that Germany has refused Russia's peace terms.

The correspondent of the "Morning Post" at Stockholm reports that telegrams from Petrograd state that leaflets have been distributed in the barracks stating that German troops will shortly arrive in Petrograd, but only to restore order.

Mr. Philippe Price, in a message from Petrograd, states that Trotsky, in a speech said: "Russia intends to proceed with the peace negotiations, because peace is the only hope of saving the country from ruin and starvation, but if Germany refuses our terms we will fight and perish together."

The Petrograd correspondent of the "Daily Chronicle" states that drunken disorders continue in Petrograd, which is in a state of siege. The Soviet has prohibited open-air meetings, has threatened to use machine-guns on looters without warning.

An important Foreign Office official informed the correspondent that the distribution of peace propaganda literature at the front was proceeding on a large scale, and is greatly intensifying the German troops.

It is stated that whatever may be the outcome of the negotiations Germany is unwilling to continue fighting any troops.

The Petrograd correspondent of the "Morning Post" says the state of siege is due to rapidly increasing demoralization and widespread drunkenness. The mob is seeking out every possible hiding place for its members, and soldiers are sent to restore order join in the debauch.

When the wine cellars of the rich were broken open other storehouses in the houses were ransacked.

Transmissions between the soldiers and the Red Guards are increasing. The soldiers are demanding that the Red Guards shall receive ordinary soldiers' pay, instead of 60 roubles daily. German and Austrian officers, prisoners of war, are often seen as officers among the Bolshevik forces. It is reported that two army corps, composed of prisoners of war, are under the command of German officers within striking distance of Petrograd.

THE UKRAINE

A Petrograd telegram states that the Ukraine Assembly has rejected the Bolshevik ultimatum. The Assembly is mobilizing the Ukrainian Cossacks, and the Romanians are joining the Ukrainians. General Sherbatovskiy has been appointed commander-in-chief of the whole of the Ukraine, and is within three versts of the Bolshevik army.

The Ukrainians demand the recognition of the Ukrainian Republic, Ukrainian management of the south-western and Rumanian fronts, and one-third of the seats in the Federal Government Assembly. The message adds that no food will be allowed to be transported before payment by the Petrograd Government, of which it is stipulated one-third must be in gold, and two-thirds in bank notes. The Bolshevik Committee have replied that an agreement is possible if the Ukrainians will meet General Kaledin and the Cossacks.

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MT. ASOLONE.

LOST AND RETAKEN.

ITALY'S DEFENCE.

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Mr. Ward Price telegraphs that the capture of Mount Asolone is unwelcome news, but it is not likely to affect the outcome of the battle. It takes the enemy another step towards the outflanking of Mount Grappa, and also gives the enemy a direct view of the gorge of San Lorenzo, enabling them to shell the Italian communications. The Austrians have not yet reached the prepared positions where the Italians are defending the plain, and are well able to put up the best fight.

A Rome report says the Minister of Munitions in the Chamber of Deputies announced that after the October reverses the Italian army had been retrained, despite the coal shortage, and had now replaced a great part of the lost material. The troops also had resumed full combative activity, as was proved by the fact that the brave troops had recaptured Monte Asolone. (Lond. cheers.)

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ENEMY MASSES.

An Amsterdam message says: Count Reventlow, in an article in the German "Daily Gazette," warns Herr Kuhlmann as a Russian Minister against accepting peace as a Russian Minister. Germany, he says, does not want Poland unless she can annex it. A free Poland with anti-German sentiments would be a terrible peril.

POPE AND PEACE.

A New York cablegram says Herman Bernstein, who obtained the "non-entrance" card, and upon whom the German Emperor and the Pope had given the New York "Herald" an interview which he says had with the Pope at the end of 1916, and now feels at liberty to discuss the Pope's attitude towards the war. The Pope understood that the Emperor was ready to propose peace on the basis of the evacuation of Belgium and Northern France, the reconstruction and independence of Poland, and the restoration of the Rhine frontier in exchange for a French colony, and the internationalisation of Constantinople.

THE U-BOATS.

From an authoritative source it is learned that there is every reason to suppose the downward tendency in the curve showing merchant losses by submarines will be maintained, while the output of new tonnage is being built.

MEETING THE MENACE.

Recent attacks on convoys are regarded as evidence proving that Germany is not altogether satisfied with the results of the campaign. The German submarine campaign is being conducted with a view to the capture of the British fleet.

SUBMARINES SUNK.

A message from Paris states that the old cruiser Chateau Renou which was used as a transport was torpedoed in the English Sea. The cruiser was the starboard side, and the engine-room was filled with water. The submarine disappeared on the port side, and the crew were rescued.

BRITISH NAVAL LOSS.

The Admiralty announced that the British armed boarding steamer Stephen Furness was torpedoed and sunk in the Irish Channel. Six officers and 58 men were lost.

THE PACIFIC TRADE.

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BAFFLED AIR RAIDERS.

The attempted air raids on Saturday were a complete fiasco. There was a slight success during the day and the Kentish coast was shrouded in darkness, and the ships were overcast. One raider was flying low, and dropped bombs, apparently endeavouring to take bearings. Suddenly the machine burst into flames, and it was forced to descend.

GERMAN COLONIES.

Mr. Lloyd George's statement regarding the conflict of conquered territory has been contrasted with Mr. Walter Long's emphatic pronouncement on January 21, when he said that the German colonies captured would never be restored. The Australian Press and the London Times have both expressed their surprise at the German policy.

CAILLAUX AND GIOLITTI.

During the disturbances in the Italian Chamber of Deputies, mentioned in a cablegram published this morning, the Republican Deputy Pirelli is reported to have said "Caillaux is the Giotto of France." Caillaux is reported to be tried by court-martial and the inference of the remark is obvious. We recently produced in this column an extract from the article which appeared in the "Pacifist" magazine some time ago entitled "Pacifist Portraits." That extract referred to the career of Joseph Caillaux, but the same writer, who has each held the Premiership of his respective country, France and Italy, are reported to have met recently and to have exchanged ideas upon the "prominent" of the war. The article in the "Pacifist" magazine is a conference at the junction between Joseph Caillaux and Giovanni Giolitti. Of the latter we know that, since the failure of the great coup de main by which he compelled the Bismarckian Government to resign on the eve of Italy's entrance into the war, he has lived in retirement, but has used his influence, as, rather, the passive resistance of his followers, to embarrass the Italian Government in the prosecution of the war. Much that was left undone in Italy during the first year of the war, notably the failure to declare war upon Germany, is attributable to

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THE HOLY LAND.

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ARAB COUP.

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